

### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND RULES—MEASURE CONCERNING DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing that it shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of Thursday, July 17, 2008, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules relating to a measure concerning the domestic production of oil and natural gas.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3957, amended, Water Use Efficiency and Conservation Research Act; H.R. 2339, Produced Water Utilization Act of 2007; and H.R. 6323, amended, To establish a research, development, demonstration, and commercial application program to promote research of appropriate technologies for heavy duty plug-in hybrid vehicles, and for other purposes.

### VETERANS AMPUTEES SMALL PROSTHETIC PRACTICES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Contracting and Technology held a hearing on Ensuring Continuity of Care for Veteran Amputees: The Role of Small Prosthetic Practices. Testimony was heard from Frederick Downs, Jr., Chief Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics Officer, Office of Prosthetics and Clinical Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses

### COAST GUARD ICEBREAKING

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Coast Guard Icebreaking. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; ADM Thad Allen, USCG, Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; Arden L. Bement, Director, NSF; and public witnesses.

### FEDERAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAMS

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Improving Roadway Safety: Assessing the Effectiveness of the NHTSA's Highway Traffic Safety Programs. Testimony was heard from Jim Ports, Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Katherine A. Siggerud, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; Christopher J. Murphy, Director, Office of Traffic Safety, State of California; and public witnesses.

### VETERANS' MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4255, amended, United States Olympic Committee Paralympic Program Act of 2007; H.R. 6225, Injunctive Relief for Veterans Act of 2008; H.R. 6221, amended, Veteran-Owned Small Business Protection and Clarification Act of 2008; H.R. 6445, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from collecting certain copayments from veterans who are catastrophically disabled; H.R. 1527, amended, Rural Veterans Access to Care Act; H.R. 2192, amended, To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an Ombudsman within the Department of Veterans Affairs; and H.R. 674, To amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the provision of law requiring termination of the Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans as of December 31, 2009.

### Joint Meetings

#### RACISM IN OSCE

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine racism in the 21st century, focusing on understanding global challenges and implementing solutions, addressing non-violent and violent forms of racial and ethnic discrimination in the 56 North American and European countries that make up the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, including racist and xenophobic political platforms, worrying increases in hate crimes, and inequalities in housing, education, employment, and the justice system, after receiving testimony from Anastasia Crickley, OSCE Chair-in-Office Personal Representative on Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Discrimination Against Christians and Members of Other Religions, Maynooth, Ireland; Gay McDougall, United Nations, Washington, D.C.; and John Payton, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund, New York, New York.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

*For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D895)*

H.R. 6331, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–275)

H.R. 1019, to designate the United States customhouse building located at 31 Gonzalez Clemente Avenue in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, as the “Rafael Martinez Nadal United States Customhouse Building”. Signed on July 15, 2008. (Public Law 110–276)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008

*Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* business meeting to markup proposed legislation making appropriations for the Departments of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs, Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, and Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, 2 p.m., SR–325.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to markup an original bill entitled, “The Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2008.”, 10 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine ways to make the nation’s highways safe for travelers, 10:30 a.m., SD–408.

*Committee on Finance:* To hold hearings to examine leveraging innovation to improve health care quality for all Americans, SD–215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mimi Alemayehou, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank, Kenneth L. Peel, of Maryland, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Miguel R. San Juan, of Texas, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Patrick J. Durkin, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine financial institutions located in offshore tax havens, focusing on ways to strengthen United States domestic and international tax enforcement efforts, 9:30 a.m., SD–106.

Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery, to hold hearings to examine major disaster recovery assessing the performance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) since October 7, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* to hold an oversight hearing to examine tracking sex offenders in Indian country, focusing on tribal implementation of the Adam Walsh Act (Public Law 109–248), 10 a.m. SD–562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* business meeting to consider S. 3155, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, S. 2746, to amend section 552(b)(3) of title 5, United States Code

(commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act) to provide that statutory exemptions to the disclosure requirements of that Act shall specifically cite to the provision of that Act authorizing such exemptions, to ensure an open and deliberative process in Congress by providing for related legislative proposals to explicitly state such required citations, S. 3061, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008 through 2011 for the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, to enhance measures to combat trafficking in persons, S. 2838, to amend chapter 1 of title 9 of United States Code with respect to arbitration, S. 3136, to encourage the entry of felony warrants into the NCIC database by States and provide additional resources for extradition, S. 1276, to establish a grant program to facilitate the creation of methamphetamine precursor electronic logbook systems, and S. 3197, to amend title 11, United States Code, to exempt for a limited period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days, 11:30 a.m., SD–226.

### House

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing on nuclear weapons complex modernization, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Labor,* hearing on Mayor and Superintendent Partnerships in Education: Closing the Achievement Gap, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled “Climate Benefits of Improved Building Energy Efficiency,” 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “What Your Broadband Provider Knows About Your Web Use: Deep Packet Inspection and Communications Laws and Policies,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “GAO Report on Regulation B: Should Lenders Be Required to Collect Race and Gender Data of Borrowers for All Loans,” 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Trade, hearing on Aiding American Businesses Abroad: Government Action to Help Beleaguered American Firms and Investors, 10 a.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Venezuela: Looking Ahead, 10:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* hearing entitled “The Challenge of Aligning Programs, Personnel, and Resources to Achieve Border Security,” 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* to continue hearings on From the Department of Justice to Guantanamo Bay: Administration Lawyers and Administration Interrogation Rule, Part V, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.